

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 5 2008, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 14-16, and 19-23 are now pending in this Application. Claims 14-16 and 19-23 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 14 and 21 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claims 7, 10, 12 and 13 have been cancelled. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 8 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of this, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 7, while canceling claim 7. Claims 10, 12 and 13 have been cancelled, therefore the pending claims, claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 14-16 and 19-23 are now allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an online payment made herewith, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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